

I. ORIENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY'S RESOURCES

September 27:

This session will be devoted to meeting the political science faculty for the first hour and discussing organizational matters during the second. You will receive copies of Constance McCarthy's Research Guide to the Library for Political Scientists (1977) and descriptive material on the Social Sciences Citation Index. McCarthy's Guide should be consulted in answering the "library study questions" on the following page for discussion on Wednesday. The Citation Index will figure in some later activities.

Comments: Most students never really utilize the resources of their institutions to their greatest advantage, because they fail to learn how to use the available facilities properly. The two major examples are the library and the computing center. Library resources often go to waste by students who simply are ignorant of what librarians would call "standard" sources. McCarthy's guide should be read carefully to familiarize yourself with these basic sources for political science. Congratulate yourself if you know (and have used) all or most of them. Proper usage of library materials will be heavily stressed in this course. Of course, the computer will also receive its due. The computer has emerged as an important aid to scholarship in virtually all fields--in the sciences as well as the humanities (consider the journal Computers and the Humanities, now in its **second decade of publication**). You should all learn to use the computer as well as the library to your advantage.

There is an old baseball expression: "You can't tell the players without a scorecard." Suspecting that some of you will have difficulty in linking our faculty with their areas of interest, I have **supplied** an alphabetical line-up of the players and their positions for you to check off as they identify themselves or otherwise keep score as you wish.

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To assist in using McCarthy's RESEARCH GUIDE TO THE LIBRARY FOR POLITICAL SCIENTISTS, I have prepared a series of questions to answer as you check out the sources of information for political scientists. This should make it all lots of fun.

1. Suppose you vaguely recalled a citation that was published in the AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW during the 1960s; what source provides the most efficient source of retrieval?

2. What source would be best suited to a broad search of the latest American journal articles on a given topic, say "ideology"?

3. Which one would provide a general substantive discussion of "industrialization" in postwar social science and a bibliography of the most important works on the subject?

4. What source would direct you to articles that have been published building on the work of some member of our faculty?

5. What source would be most useful for identifying articles in news magazines to be used in a content analysis of the coverage of the Watergate crisis?

6. What source would be most useful for identifying articles dealing with the "political novel"?

7. Which one would identify Ph.D theses produced on a research topic of interest to you?

8. Where would you go to locate translations of original source material on the cultural revolution in China?

9. Suppose your interest were in the role of the church in Latin America. Where could you turn to find reports on the situation by noted journalists stationed in Latin American countries?

10. Suppose you heard that a paper had been given on the balance of power at the 1966 APSA Convention. Where could you get the exact citation (and how could you obtain the paper itself)?

11. What source would be most likely to direct you to French writings on Rousseau's political thought?

12. Suppose you learned of several recent books on American foreign policy. Where would you be able to locate reviews of these books?

13. Where could you turn to find summaries of recent articles in American and foreign publications on "imperialism"?

14. What would be a good source of lengthy review essays on such topics as "international politics," "political socialization," "decision making processes"?

15. How about government statistics? What source might pinpoint the publication of statistics on federal grants in aid to the states?